
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: honoring the life and service of William J. Rogers.

Whereas, William J. Rogers was born December 9, 1930, in Appleton to the late Claude and Lucille Rogers; and

Whereas, Mr. Rogers graduated from Kaukauna High School, attended Mexico City College, and received his bachelor of science degree from St. Norbert College; and

Whereas, Mr. Rogers served his country in the Korean War; and

Whereas, Mr. Rogers served in the Wisconsin state assembly from 1963 to 1985 where he served as chair of the joint committee on review of administrative rules from 1977 to 1983, democratic caucus chair from 1971 to 1977, and vice-chair of the highway committee from 1973 to 1977; and

Whereas, Mr. Rogers is credited with many legislative accomplishments, including requiring child restraint systems in automobiles, putting flashing red lights on school buses, and fighting discrimination and racial imbalance in public schools; and

Whereas, Mr. Rogers played an instrumental role in founding the 1,000 Islands Conservancy and the Golden Venture Home of Kaukauna and secured budgeting for STH 441 20 years before it was paved; and

Whereas, Mr. Rogers spent his retirement traveling the world and researching family history; and

Whereas, Mr. Rogers was a skilled orator whose speeches from the assembly floor captured the close attention—and votes—of his colleagues; and

Whereas, Mr. Rogers will be fondly remembered by those closest to him: his 10 children, 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service of William J. Rogers, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Mr. Rogers' family.

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk